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PENINSULA TOWNSHIP PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
April 28, 2021, 7:00 p.m.
Township Hall

1. Call to Order: 7:00 p.m. by Skurski

2. Pledge

3. Roll Call:

Present: Skurski, Zebell, Murphy, Milliken, Dahl; Excused: Karczewski, Atkinson; Also present: Bob Wilkinson

4. Approve Agenda:

Dahl: Add ballfield topic to Park high season readiness needs.

Murphy: Add clean-up and Cowell proposal to the discussion.

Skurski: They will be Business C.2 and C.3.

Moved by Murphy to approve agenda, as amended, seconded by Dahl.

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5. Brief Citizens Comments-for items not on the agenda: None

6. Conflict of Interest: None

7. Consent Agenda: any member of the board, staff, or the public may ask that any item on the consent agenda be removed and placed elsewhere on the agenda for full discussion.

A. Minutes from March 24, 2021, special meeting

B. Correspondence

a. William Stott-OMP Lighthouse Park litter collection

b. Bill Sutton note: Class of 1971

Moved by Milliken to approve consent agenda, seconded by Murphy

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8. Business

A. Introduction of new member-Michele Zebell, All

Zebell: Gave brief introduction, has lived on the peninsula since 1985, has two children, and was a teacher for thirty-five years.

Committee members introduce themselves to Zebell.

Murphy: Would like to discuss park assignments, with the idea that Michele lives close to Bowers Harbor Park.

Skurski: Would prefer to push this topic to a meeting with full committee attendance.

B. Bowers Harbor Park Pavilion reservation requests

a. TCHS Class of 1971

Skurski: Refers to the correspondence in the packet. Had a conversation with Bill Sutton to address questions. Missing today is the proof of insurance that is required.

Moved by Murphy to accept the TCHS Class of 1971 application for Bowers Harbor Park Pavilion, pending the receipt of their certificate of liability, seconded by Milliken.

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b. Sheldon reunion

Skurski: The application is in the packet and it is a midday event.

Moved by Milliken to accept the Sheldon reunion application for Bowers Harbor Park Pavilion, seconded by Murphy.

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C. Park high season readiness needs-Skurski

Skurski: Presents the list for Park Equipment and Maintenance

Park Equipment & Maintenance Wednesday, April 28, 2021

The park Committee requests budget funds to cover the following needs-as approved by voice vote April 28, 2021.

-Equipment, supplies, and small maintenance

- Bowers Harbor
 - 4 5 gal. water buckets-\$40.00
 - Pickleball signage for code-\$100.00
- Haserot Beach
 - Repair pump
 - Build a stone drainage at pump
 - Estimate from Wilkinson
- PNA
 - Fence repair

1) Signs, nets, drain

Skurski: Refers to the list and asks for adjustments. A gift of a wagon was giving for watering at Bowers Harbor Park, three families are involved in watering. A pickleball sign is needed. For Haserot, there is damage to the pump, a stone drain path is needed. An addition is four basketball nets for Bowers Harbor and Haserot at a cost of \$32.00. For Pelizzari Natural Area, the fence repair was allocated last year.

Milliken: For Archie Park: fence repair, brush clean up, and step repair are needed.

Discussion of projects and costs.

Murphy: Requests that when the fencing is complete at Pelizzari Natural Area, he is alerted so the trail counters can be installed. Also, the handicap signs are in.

Skurski: For an estimate for Haserot, it would be no more than \$500.00. The fence repair at Archie Park, \$500.00.

Discussion of fence repairs.

Skurski: In summary, Bowers Harbor estimate is \$40.00 plus \$100.00, the basketball nets will be \$32.00. For Haserot Beach, the estimate is \$500.00. For Archie Park, the fence is \$335.00, the life preserver is \$150.00.

Moved by Zebell to put the equipment, supplies, and small maintenance costs in form of the township board, seconded by Dahl.

Roll call:

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Wilkinson: Has been working on getting the tables, nets, and spring items out. Has called for parking lot gravel work at Pelizzari, Archie Park lot was graded last spring and has held.

Discussion of winter damage at the parks.

2) Clean-up

Milliken: This Saturday is the Watershed Council beach cleanup at Lighthouse Park, confirmed the tables and garbage cans were out.

Discussion of Lighthouse Park, disposal of garbage, and ruts in the parking lot.

Zebell: When will the parking lot at Bowers Harbor be coated?

Wilkinson: May

3) Ballfields

Dahl: What is the status for improvement of the ballfield at Bowers Harbor Park?

Wilkinson: Discusses the type of grass that was originally used. The tall fescue has caused clumping and the plan is to aerify and spread another type of grass seed.

Milliken: Is it irrigated?

Wilkinson: Yes

Skurski: The lease for the little league is up for renewal, so that should be taken into consideration as well.

4) Matt Cowell proposal

Skurski: The proposal from LIAA can be found in the packet

E. Park capital and Maintenance project update-Skurski

Skurski: The parks are underbudgeted, this year's budget is half of last year's budget. The township wants to put together a financial plan with a capital portion for the capital projects. The costs need to be prioritized and laid out. Haserot Beach was near \$75,000.00 for the work done. Once the costs are laid out for the current plans, the town board trustees can decide how they want to finance them. Matt Cowell from LIAA spoke at the March meeting and has sent a proposal with a process outlined.

Zebell: What is the time frame?

Skurski: The timeframe proposed is May to September with the work done outside the parks committee regular meetings.

Discussion of the elements needed for the proposal and the timeframe, meetings and commitment.

Skurski: Thanksgiving is a reasonable time frame.

Murphy: Was the discussion only limited to parks? Was there was also a discussion of other township needs?

Skurski: It was anything that fronts the public.

F. Parks Representative for the next town board meeting.

Murphy: Volunteers to attend the meeting.

Discussion of parks committee engagement with the town board.

9. Citizen Comments: None

10. Board Comments:

Murphy: M-37 is remaining with the state.

Zebell: Interested in a conversation about the duties and experience of being a steward of the parks.

Dahl: Commented that the Murray parking area does not have a dog station and there is increased usage and a need. What should be done to get a dog station?

Wilkinson: The cost is roughly \$200.00 with additional maintenance costs.

Milliken: Inquires about the dog signs ordered for Pelizzari Natural Area.

11. Adjournment

Moved by Dahl to adjourn, seconded by Milliken.

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Adjournment at 8:11 p.m.